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Pay more for water

MCC revises water tariff; hikes Property Tax by 3%; introduces vehicle cess

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (PM&BS)- The financial burden on residents within Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) limits has increased from today (Apr. 1) with the Civic Body revising drinking water tariffs and raising several other civic charges.

Property tax, trade licence and Solid Waste Management (SWM) charges have been hiked, while a motor vehicle cess has also been introduced for automobile owners.

Revised water charges

Following directions from the Directorate of Municipal Administration, MCC has revised drinking water tariffs. **The minimum monthly charge has been increased to Rs. 163.**

The revised consumption slabs are:

- **Rs. 6.50 per 1,000 litres for consumption up to 25,000 litres.**
- **Rs. 10 per 1,000 litres for 25,001 to 50,000 litres.**
- **Rs. 15 per 1,000 litres for 50,001 to 75,000 litres.**
- **Rs. 20 per 1,000 litres for 75,001 to 1 lakh litres.**
- **Rs. 25 per 1,000 litres for consumption above 1 lakh litres.**

Previous tariff

The earlier tariff, which had been in effect since 2012, fixed the minimum monthly charge at Rs. 125. Consumption up to 25,000 litres was billed at Rs. 5 per 1,000 litres, Rs. 8 for 25,001 to 50,000 litres, Rs. 12 for 50,001 to 75,000 litres, Rs. 16 for 75,001 to 1 lakh litres and Rs. 20 per 1,000 litres for consumption above 1 lakh litres.

(See WATER on page 6)

Online investment trap

Senior citizen loses Rs. 19.65 lakh

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (GA&KS)- A senior citizen from Yadavagiri lost Rs. 19.65 lakh to cyber criminals after falling prey to a fake investment advertisement on the internet.

According to the complaint, the victim saw the advertisement on Dec. 17, 2025 and completed an online application form. Soon after, a person identifying himself as Jaspreeth contacted him and provided details about a company called 'Money Prox.' On the same day, Jaspreeth persuaded the senior citizen to invest Rs. 19,887.18 via UPI and told him that another company representative would contact him.

Later, a person named Suman Rai called the victim on WhatsApp, claiming to be an advisor of the company. Rai told him that the firm invested in commodities such as gold, silver and crude oil in the intl. market. He asked the victim to download 'Money Prox App' and open a trading account.

Investment through credit card

Subsequently, Rai convinced the senior citizen to invest Rs. 7,45,561.70 through a credit card, claiming that gold prices were rising steadily and promising high returns.

On Jan. 14, 2026, the victim was asked to transfer Rs. 5 lakh each to two bank accounts, taking the total deposits to Rs. 17,45,561.70. When he later requested withdrawal of his profits, the fraudsters asked him to send his e-mail ID and update his KYC details.

As he was unable to complete the process, a QR code was sent to him and his number was added to a Telegram group. Soon after, the victim received a message stating that the prices of gold, silver and crude oil had collapsed in the international market and that withdrawal of the invested amount and profits had been temporarily stopped.

(See CITIZEN on page 6)

Mysuru-based Kaynes begins chip production in Gujarat

PM Modi inaugurates Rs. 3,300 crore OSAT facility at Sanand, Gujarat

Sanand (Gujarat), Apr. 1 (Agencies)- Kaynes Technology, a Mysuru-based electronic design and manufacturing company (Kaynes Semicon), has begun commercial production at its semiconductor OSAT (Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test) Plant in Sanand, Gujarat, following its inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Mar. 31.

The facility will manufacture advanced intelligent power modules for automotive and industrial applications. Built with an investment of about Rs. 3,300 crore, the Plant is expected to produce nearly 60 lakh chips per day, significantly boosting domestic semiconductor manufacturing and supporting local economic development.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who inaugurated Kaynes Semicon at Sanand in Gujarat yesterday, is seen with *(from left)* ***Mysuru-based Kaynes Technology Promoter & Chairperson Savitha Ramesh, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Kaynes Promoter & Executive Vice-Chairman Ramesh Kunhikannan*** *(second from right)* ***and others.***

Congratulating the leadership of Kaynes Technology, the Gujarat Government and the workforce at the Plant, the Prime Minister said, he was proud that an Indian company had entered the semiconductor chip manufacturing space.

Stating that Kaynes has become part of global semiconductor supply chain, he said, "This is a wonderful beginning. In the coming days, many Indian companies, through global collaboration, will give the world a resilient semiconductor supply chain."

(See KAYNES on page 6)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 1st April 2026

Open selection trials for KSCA Academy

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (VNS) - Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), Mysuru Zone, will be conducting open selection trials in different age category for boys and girls in Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts.

Selections for U-19, U-16 and U-14 boys in Mandya will be held at PET-KSCA Turf on Apr. 3; at Lyons Cricket Academy, behind Varthakara Bhavan, B. Rachaiah Double Road in Chamarajanagar on Apr. 4; JSS-KSCA Turf Ground at JSS STU premises (U-19) and SDNR Wadiyar Stadium Academy Nets (U-16), Manasagangothri on Apr. 5.

In U-14 boys category, players who could not attend selection trials on Mar. 22 at Mysuru, can attend the selection trials at Mandya or Chamarajanagar. Selection process in all three districts will commence from 8.30 am on the scheduled dates.

In girls category, the selection for U-15 girls will held on Apr. 3 at JSS-KSCA Turf Ground at JSS STU premises in Manasagangothri at 9 am and the selection trials in U-19 category will be held at the SDNR Wadiyar Stadium Academy Nets in Manasagangothri from 8.30 am on Apr. 4.

Players attending the selection trials must be present in cricket attire and along with their cricket kits and a digital copy of their DOB certificate, Aadhaar card for proof of residence. No photocopies of the certificates will be entertained.

Eligibility criteria: In the U-14 boys category, players born on or after Sept. 1, 2012 are eligible to participate, while players born on or after Sept. 1, 2010 are eligible to take part in U-16 category and players born on or after Sept.1, 2007 are eligible to take part in U-19 selection trials.

In girls category, players born on or after Sept. 1, 2011 are eligible to participate in U-15 selection trials and players born on or after Sept. 1, 2007 are eligible to participate in U-19 trials.

For details, contact KSCA Mysuru Zone Office on Ph: 0821-2519900 during office hours, according to press release from KSCA Mysuru Zone Convenor P. Srinivas Prasad.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

TIME MANAGEMENT KEY: ***Human life and time are extremely precious because, unlike material things that can be regained or replaced, time once lost is gone forever. Effective time management is essential for leading a purposeful and meaningful life. Valluvar says postponement, forgetfulness, laziness and excessive sleep lead to destruction of human life.***

Managing time well through planning, prioritisation, scheduling and avoiding delays and distractions is the foundation for a productive and purposeful life. By organising responsibilities, we can make the most of our valuable time. Thanneerpalli Sri Krishnan Swamy said in a discourse that, from a spiritual viewpoint, the productive use of time means fulfilling duties, performing righteous actions (dharma), gaining wisdom and maintaining an elevated mind. Wasting time is, therefore, neglecting life's true purpose.

Many people spend most of their time pursuing worldly pleasures such as material possessions, status or enjoyment. However, such experiences do not provide lasting satisfaction or permanent results. Eventually, people realise that what they once believed to be permanent is actually temporary.

Realising later in life that time was spent on temporary pursuits can bring regret or a sense of lost meaning. Understanding life's true purpose early helps avoid this and encourages wise use of time.

According to spiritual philosophy, the human body is influenced by three qualities: *Sattva* ***(purity and wisdom),*** *Rajas* ***(activity and desire) and*** *Tamas* ***(ignorance and inertia). To attain lasting happiness and spiritual growth, one must cultivate*** *Sattva guna* ***while reducing the influence of*** *Rajas* ***and*** *Tamas.— In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Four lakh KitKat bars stolen

Umbria: A recent heist has left the world shocked as it involves not jewels or money, but chocolates. Nearly 12 tons of KitKat bars vanished last week, as the truck carrying them disappeared after leaving a production site in Italy for Poland.

Reacting to the theft, Nestle released a witty statement: "We've always encouraged people to have a break with KitKat. But it seems thieves have taken the message too literally and made a break with more than 12 tons of our chocolate. Whilst we appreciate the criminals' exceptional taste, the fact remains that cargo theft is an escalating issue for businesses of all sizes."

As the news spread, social media erupted with hilarious comments and memes.

Injured seabird seeks help at hospital

Bremen: An injured seabird sought help by pecking at the door of an emergency room at a hospital in Germany until medical staff noticed it and called firefighters to help with its rescue.

The cormorant, a shiny black waterbird, had a triple fishing hook stuck in its beak when it made its presence known at the glass door of the Klinikum Links der Weser hospital in the northern city of Bremen on Sunday.

In a joint effort, medical staff and firefighters removed the fishhook and treated the wound, the Bremen firefighter department said in a statement. The bird was later released back into nature on the grounds of the hospital park.

"When an injured cormorant does approach humans, it is usually an animal in extreme distress that has lost its natural shyness," a statement said.

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Vidu. Amritha Murali from Chennai at Ramanavami Music Fest

Vidu. Amritha Murali from Chennai presenting a vocal concert at Ganavisharada Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira on N.S. Road in city last evening as part of the 110th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival. She is accompanied by Vidu. Aditi Krishnaprakash on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata.

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Yesterday's level **104.64 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,265.52 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,829.90 feet**
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- *Brown Pelicans, which we mainly see on the Sea of Cortez, are skilled fliers and aerial hunters. Ironically, in the world of aviation, any flying officer that is assigned duties on the ground is known as a 'pelican'.*
- *Flamingo chicks are born white or grey, not pink. They take one to two years to develop their full pink coloration.*
- *The pink colour comes from consuming shrimp and algae; if they don't eat enough, they can turn white.*
- *They eat by plunging their heads underwater and turning them upside down to filter-feed, using their tongue to pump water up to 20 times per second.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Student: I don't think I deserved zero on this writing test!
Teacher: I agree, but that's the lowest mark I could give you!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 124.16**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 25.53**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 108.44**

VOICE OF THE READER

A welcome step by City Traffic Police

Sir,

It is heartening to note the recently adopted proactive measure by Traffic Police personnel stationed at traffic signal junctions, who have begun photographing traffic violations using their mobile phones.

This long-pending step deserves appreciation and it is encouraging that Mysuru Traffic Police have finally started implementing such a practical method of law enforcement.

Photographing violations on the spot by a traffic cop is perhaps one of the most effective ways to deter habitual traffic rule offenders. When motorists know that their violations are being instantly documented by a traffic cop and used as evidence, they are far less likely to flout traffic regulations with impunity.

It is also a known fact that some traffic personnel stationed at busy junctions are often seen merely passing time by browsing their mobile phones instead of actively monitoring or enforcing traffic rules. The use of mobile photography to record violations will not only deter offenders but will also promote greater accountability and alertness among Traffic Police themselves.

If implemented consistently and without exception, this initiative can go a long way in curbing reckless driving, improving road discipline and making our roads safer for all. One hopes that this practice will be strictly followed at all major junctions.

—K. Chandrahas

Mysuru 25.3.2026

Model-making contest marks Natl. Science Day at St. Philos

Mysuru, Apr. 1- In a vibrant display of scientific temper and creativity, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and the Department of Physics (UG & PG) at St. Philomena's College, Mysuru, jointly organised the Oak Jubilee National Science Day-2026 (Phase II) Model-Making Competition on Mar.24 in the college auditorium.

The competition featuring nearly 40 working models displayed by students from various city colleges was formally inaugurated and presided over by Rector Rev. Dr. Lourdu Prasad Joseph.

College Principal Dr. Ravi J.D. Saldanha, Vice-Principal (Administration) Ronald Prakash Cutinha, IQAC Coordinator and Head of the Department of Physics A. Thomas Gunaseelan, PG Physics Head Dr. Sachin and IQAC Co-Coordinator Dr. V. Deepa were present on the occasion.

Cash prizes were awarded to the best three models presented during the competition.

The diverse array of physics models was judged by a panel consisting of Prakash Cutinha, Uzma Bathool and Lydia Vandana.

The initiative was spearheaded by A. Thomas Gunaseelan, HoD of Physics and IQAC Coordinator, highlighting the institution's commitment to academic quality and innovation.

The event was supported by Physics faculty members Sub Lt. Eliezer Vishwas, S. Chandana (UG), Impana, S. Chandana (PG) and R. Manimozhi.

KSOU coaching class valedictory tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 1- The valedictory of the 50-day civil services and KAS exam coaching class conducted by KSOU Competitive Exams Coaching Centre will be held at Cauvery auditorium in Muktagangothri campus at 11 am tomorrow (Apr. 2).

Sriroopa *Veena*

Chamarajanagar DC Sriroopa will address the aspirants while MCC Additional Commissioner B.N. Veena will release the study book. KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse will preside, according to a press release.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Workshop and book release

The University of Mysore Research Students Association, in collaboration with Dalit Students Federation, Manasagangothri and the city's Ulume Pratishtana, is organising a workshop on the topic 'Young population - Our hope for the future' at Maharaja's College in city at 10.30 am tomorrow (Apr. 2). Prof. V. Shanmugam will preside. The event will feature an interaction with students in which Dr. M. Manjula, Prof. Vijayalakshmi Manapura and Dr. H.S. Anupama will take part.

Books release: On the same day (Apr. 2), writer Dr. H.S. Anupama's two books — 'Buddha, Dhamma Mathu Samaja Sudharakaru' and 'Buddha, Dhamma Mathu Mahile' will be released at a programme organised by Ulume Pratishtana at the Institution of Engineers on JLB Road at 4 pm. Noted writer Prof. Sabiha Bhumigowda will preside, according to a press release.

Discourses at RK Ashram

The following discourses will be held at Sri Ramakrishna Ashram in Yadavagiri from 6 pm to 6.50 pm: Apr. 2: Swami Jnanayoganandaji will speak on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' in Kannada; Apr. 4: Swami Mahamedanandaji will speak on 'Living at the source - Yoga teachings of Vivekananda' in English; Apr. 5: Swami Yukteshanandaji will speak on 'Srimate Sarada Devi' in Kannada.

Stalls at KEA's Summer Fair

The Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) has organised a 52-day 'Summer Fair' (Besige Mela) from Apr. 10 to May 31. Small entertainment/ snacks shops/ stalls for selling handicrafts will be available for rent at the Fair. Those interested may submit application to KEA office by Apr. 6. For details, contact KEA office or office staff C. Naveen Kumar on Mob: 88928-55236 or e-mail: *exhibitionauthority@gmail.com,* according to a press release from KEA Chief Executive Officer.

Coaching classes for PG-CET

Netaji Career Academy, located on Krishna Vilas Road, opposite Avila Convent, near Jaganmohan Palace, Devaraja Mohalla in city, has organised coaching class for PG-CET for admission to MBA/ MCA courses in professional colleges of the State. Classes will begin from Apr. 2. For details, contact Ph: 0821-3553964 or Mob: 63641-16745, according to a press release.

Samiti warns against cutting lake buffer zone

'Reduction of buffer zone area will threaten very existence of lakes'

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (BS)- Following the recent gazette notification issued by the State Government under the Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority (Amendment) Act, 2025, revising lake buffer zones from a uniform 30 metres to a tiered system based on lake size, the Parisara Ulisi Samiti has strongly objected to the move.

Under the revised norms, lakes spread over more than 100 acres will retain a 30-metre buffer zone, while smaller lakes between one and 10 acres will have only a six-metre buffer to facilitate basic infrastructure works.

In a press release, Samiti Convener Kiran shared his views and raised several questions, urging the Lake Development Authority to respond.

He also called on the Government to reconsider its decision, alleging that the move primarily benefits the land mafia at the cost of public safety.

Catchment areas at risk

Kiran said that, given the present environmental conditions, lake buffer zones should ideally be expanded rather than reduced. Buffer zones essentially serve as the 'catchment area' of a water body and play a crucial role in retaining water.

"If this vital component of a lake is compromised, the consequences will be severe," he said.

He pointed out that buffer zones were earlier fixed at 75 metres around lakes, which was later reduced to a maximum of 30 metres. The latest amendment reduces it even further for smaller lakes, which, according to him, threatens their very existence.

"The buffer zone should instead be increased to at least 100 metres," he said, adding that lakes are natural formations located in low-lying areas where rainwater accumulates. "If these natural catchment spaces disappear from the landscape, the consequences will be serious."

Policies should reflect public opinion

Kiran said that policies related to lakes and environmental protection must be framed based on expert recommendations and public consultation. However, he alleged that the latest revision appears to have been made under political pressure.

"Buildings and roads can be constructed elsewhere, but lakes, ponds and their catchment areas must remain undisturbed," he said. He also warned that the decline in groundwater levels in recent years makes the conservation of water bodies even more critical.

According to the Samiti, green buffer zones are vital for maintaining lake ecosystems and sustaining water levels. If developed as green belts with large trees, the roots help retain water and maintain soil moisture around the lake.

Risk of flooding

Reducing buffer zones, Kiran cautioned, could lead to increased waterlogging during rains. Roads could turn into temporary lakes, eventually flooding nearby residential areas.

He cited the example of the Outer Ring Road (ORR), where waterlogging during rains has become common due to the disappearance of traditional water channels that once connected lakes.

'K.C. Layout Lake needs restoration'

Even though encroachments on the K.C. Layout Lake in Kempu Cheluvajammanni (K.C.) Layout, off Chamundi Hill Main Road, have been cleared following sustained public protests, the water body now needs restoration, said Kiran of Parisara Ulisi Samiti.

In a statement, he said the lake must be desilted to remove accumulated silt and restore its capacity.

Kiran also claimed that there are hardly any instances of the District Administration clearing lake encroachments on its own. "If such instances exist, the authorities should provide proof," he said.

Instead, he alleged that hundreds of lakes have been encroached upon over the years, with many losing even the trace of their original boundaries.

'Matsya Darshini' near old DC's Office

Preparations on to raze defunct canteen building

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (MTY&BS)- Preparations are being made to build the city's first hi-tech fish food stall 'Matsya Darshini' by Karnataka Fisheries Development Corporation Limited, near the old Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office.

The old building to the right side of old DC's Office, earlier being used as a canteen, located on the footpath of the road leading towards Government Maharani's Science College for Women, has been identified for constructing the building suitable for 'Matsya Darshini.' As the building had reached its dilapidated condition, it had been handed over to the Fisheries Department.

Rs. 80-lakh project

'Matsya Darshini' is a Rs. 80-lakh project, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for which is prepared by the Fisheries Department. Earlier, the State Government in its Budget had announced Rs. 50 lakh for the project, to bring the authentic taste of coastal area to food lovers in the city.

Prior to the launch of civil works to raze the building, labourers are installing poles to cover the construction site with metal sheets, to check the plume of dust from reaching the passersby.

Against Heritage rules

Amidst this, heritage expert Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, citing heritage norms, called the permission given for the construction of 'Matsya Darshini' as unacceptable.

Mysuru city has been declared as Heritage City in the year 2004. As per the rules of Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, no multi-storey building is permitted within 100-metre radius of any heritage structure. With old DC's Office building being a heritage structure, the District Administration itself is violating the rules. However, there is no restriction on restoration of the structure towards its conservation, he added.

Obituary

B.G. Vaidyanath

Mysuru, Apr. 1- B.G. Vaidyanath

(81), son of late Bluff Govindappa and a resident of Bogadi, passed away in the wee hours of today in city.

A native of Banahalli village in Chamarajanagar taluk, he leaves behind his son V. Shankar, daughter-in-law Shilpa, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

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IAS Officer M.S. Archana takes charge as CESC MD

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (MTY&DM)- IAS Officer M.S. Archana took charge as the new Managing Director (MD) of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited at CESC headquarters in Vijayanagar Second Stage here on Tuesday evening, following the retirement of K.M. Munigopal Raju upon superannuation on Mar. 31 *(see page-9)*.

Archana previously served as the Special Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Urban (North)w.

A day after taking charge, Archana held a series of meetings with officials from various sections and sub-divisions of CESC at her office this morning. She directed the officials to give top priority for ensuring safety and maintaining maximum quality in work.

IAS Officer M.S. Archana** (extreme right), **who took charge as the new MD of CESC at its Headquarters in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage in city yesterday, being greeted with a bouquet by CESC General Manager B.R. Roopa, Chief Finance Officer G. Renuka and Technical Director L. Lokesh.

Stressing on the need for bringing electrical mishaps to zero level, she called upon all the staff to ensure prevention of mishaps and to see that there are no fatalities or injuries caused while working on power lines or poles. She also emphasised on the need for the staff to be people-friendly as the department is closely associated with the people.

Costly Affair...

New financial year begins with higher tariffs and revised banking rules

Bengaluru, Apr. 1 (Agencies)- With the onset of the new financial year 2026-27 from today, the cost of living is set to rise as several tariffs and charges across sectors have been revised.

From electricity and drinking water tariffs to highway tolls and motor vehicle cess, multiple increases are likely to put additional burden on the common man.

The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) has approved a hike in power tariff ranging from 40 paise to 50 paise per unit. Meanwhile, City Corporations have already announced an increase in drinking water charges.

Highway toll fees have also been revised by 3 percent to 5 percent, affecting motorists travelling on major roads, including the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway.

In addition, City Corporations have decided to levy a motor vehicle cess on households owning vehicles within their jurisdiction.

Changes in tax rules

The new financial year also brings changes in rules relating to banking, taxation, energy and transport sectors.

The Income Tax Act, 2025, which comes into effect from today, introduces simplified terminology in tax filing. The commonly used terms 'Assessment Year' and 'Previous Year' will now be replaced with the term 'Tax Year' to make the filing process easier.

Under the amended Act, annual income up to Rs. 12 lakh will attract zero tax under the revised slab. In addition, Forms 130 and 131 will replace the existing Forms 16 and 16A as part of efforts to simplify tax filing procedures.

For obtaining a PAN card, applicants will now have to submit age proof documents such as SSLC marks card, passport or other valid records along with Aadhaar.

The Centre is also expected to revise the prices of domestic LPG cylinders, besides possible changes in the rates of Piped Natural Gas (PNG), Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF).

Banking changes

Banks have also introduced some changes in ATM and transaction rules. Transactions made through UPI may now be counted along with ATM withdrawals under the limit of free transactions offered by banks.

Customers exceeding the free transaction limit will be charged Rs. 23 per transaction (plus applicable taxes), while failed transactions due to insufficient balance may attract a charge of Rs. 25 (plus applicable taxes).

Some banks have also reduced the maximum daily ATM withdrawal limit as an added security measure, from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 50,000 and from Rs. 1.5 lakh to Rs. 75,000 in certain cases.

Train ticket cancellation

Train travellers will also have to pay higher cancellation charges following revised refund rules by the Indian Railways.

Under the new rules, 50 percent of the fare will be refunded for tickets cancelled 8 to 24 hours before departure.

Tickets cancelled 24 to 72 hours before the journey will receive up to 75 percent refund, while those cancelled more than 72 hours before departure will be eligible for maximum refund.

Nandini milk price to go up?

Bengaluru, Apr. 1 (Agencies)- Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) Chairman and former MP D.K. Suresh, has hinted at the hike in prices of Nandini milk and its other products.

Suresh has said, following the US, Israel war on Iran, the Central Government has regulated the supply and use of LPG for cooking purposes, which has affected the production of Nandini milk and other products. There is a clear direction to use only 55 percent of LPG and for using up to 100 percent, the consumers have to pay 35 percent additional amount, which naturally increases the financial expenditure. Ultimately, the consumers have to bear the burden, he added.

Senior citizen loses Rs. 19.65 lakh

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More money transfer

On Feb. 9, the fraudsters again contacted the victim and told him that he could withdraw his profits. They then convinced him to transfer another Rs. 2 lakh to a different bank account. However, when the victim later checked his trading account, he found that neither his investment nor any profits were visible.

Repeated calls to the phone numbers used by the fraudsters went unanswered.

On Mar. 19, a person, identifying himself as Neeraj Menon from the company's "Insurance Division" called the victim and claimed that he could recover his investment and profits if he paid 23 percent of the amount as insurance. Suspecting fraud, the senior citizen contacted the Cyber Crime Helpline (1930) and lodged a complaint. The CEN Police have registered a case and are investigating.

Kaynes begins production

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Calling the milestone a reflection of the 'Make in India, Make for the World' vision, Prime Minister Narendra Modi noted that the Sanand facility will supply intelligent power modules to a California-based company, with a significant portion of its output already booked for export.

Sanand and Silicon Valley

"A new bridge has been built between Sanand and Silicon Valley," Modi said, adding that the modules produced in Sanand will power companies across the world. Referring to global challenges in recent years, including the pandemic and geopolitical conflicts, the PM said that supply chains, particularly for semiconductors, rare-earth minerals and energy, had faced major disruptions.

"A democratic country like India moving forward in this direction is crucial for the development of the entire world," he said.

The Plant operates as an OSAT/ATMP unit, focusing on assembly, testing, marking and packaging of semiconductor components. It aims to address a key gap in India's semiconductor ecosystem, especially in backend manufacturing.

The facility will produce modules comprising 17 chips and supply them to Alpha and Omega Semiconductor, a global power semiconductor company. Once all phases are completed, the Plant will have a production capacity of 6.33 million units per day.

Officials said, the Plant will support applications that require compact, efficient power systems, particularly in the automotive and industrial sectors. It is also expected to strengthen India's high-technology manufacturing capabilities and reduce reliance on imports.

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel, Deputy CM Harsh Sanghavi, Kaynes Technology Promoter & Chairperson Savitha Ramesh, Promoter & Executive Vice-Chairman Ramesh Kunhikannan and others were present on the occasion.

Pay more for water

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UGD cess increased

The underground drainage (UGD) cess, earlier fixed at 30 percent of the total water bill, has now been increased to 40 percent.

For properties having only UGD connections without a drinking water supply, monthly charges will be Rs. 100 for domestic use, Rs. 200 for non-domestic use and Rs. 300 for commercial or industrial use.

Property tax hike

In line with the resolution passed at the MCC General Council Meeting held on Mar. 16, 2026, Property Tax has been increased by 3 percent or as per applicable market guidelines, effective from Apr. 1. However, property owners paying the tax during April will be eligible for a 5 percent rebate.

Motor vehicle cess

For the first time, MCC has decided to levy a motor vehicle cess linked to the Property Identification (PID) number. Property owners will have to pay Rs. 100 for two-wheelers and Rs. 500 for four-wheelers. The cess will be collected along with Property Tax and property owners have been asked to provide details of vehicles while paying the tax.

Trade licence and SWM

From the current financial year, Solid Waste Management (SWM) charges will also be collected from bulk waste generators among commercial establishments, along with trade licence fees.

The decision was taken following approval at the MCC General Council Meeting held on Mar. 16, in accordance with the Urban Development Department gazette notification dated Oct. 9, 2019. MCC has stated that detailed information on the revised charges is available on its official website.

It may be recalled that since 2025-26, domestic waste generators have also been paying service charges for garbage collection, transportation, processing and landfill maintenance, in line with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.

Gajendra relocated after public appeal

Lonely 75-year-old Dasara jumbo gets a new home at Mathigodu

Forest staff after performing puja to Gajendra at Boodipadaga Elephant Camp in Chamarajanagar district, before sending him to Mathigodu Elephant Camp in Kodagu. Picture right shows Gajendra being transported in a truck.

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (MTY&BCT)- Gajendra, the 75-year-old Dasara elephant who had been living in isolation at the Boodipadaga Elephant Camp in Chamarajanagar district, has been relocated to the Mathigodu Elephant Camp in the Nagarahole Range of Kodagu following orders from Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre.

The move comes after public appeals and a social media campaign titled 'Save Gajendra,' which urged the Minister to shift the ageing elephant. Once a proud participant in the world-famous Mysuru Dasara festivities, Gajendra had reportedly grown frail and lonely in recent years.

Responding to the concerns, Khandre issued written instructions on Mar. 26 directing officials to move the elephant to a safer and more social environment.

On Tuesday afternoon, rituals were performed at Boodipadaga before Gajendra was transported in a specialised elephant rescue vehicle to Mathigodu. Supporters expressed gratitude on social media, praising the Minister for acting swiftly and compassionately in response to public sentiment.

Captured in 1987

Gajendra's legacy dates back several decades. Captured in 1987 in the Kattepura forest of Kodagu, he was initially housed at the K. Gudi elephant camp.

Known for his gentle temperament, he later became a familiar presence at the Mysuru Dasara and was honoured as the Pattada Aane (Royal Elephant).

However, his history also includes a tragic episode. On June 16, 2015, during a bout of musth, Gajendra fatally gored fellow elephant Srirama and trampled his Mahout Ganapathi (50), who had tried to separate them.

Despite the incident, Gajendra was later reintegrated and took part in several operations, gradually regaining his reputation.

In recent years, prolonged isolation at Boodipadaga had weakened the ageing elephant. As elephants are social animals, conservationists feared his loneliness could further affect his health and survival.

The relocation campaign ultimately succeeded, securing Gajendra a new home at the Mathigodu Elephant Camp.

Veterinarian Dr. Nagaraj feted on attaining superannuation

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (KS)- Renowned veterinarian Dr. Nagaraj, popularly known as the 'Elephant Doctor,' was felicitated for his meritorious service by his well-wishers on attaining superannuation on Mar. 30.

Dr. Nagaraj has been a veterinarian for Dasara Jumbo squad for 21 times and had supervised the securing of the Golden Howdah atop Ambari elephants.

A simple person, Dr. Nagaraj had served as the Deputy Director of the Animal Husbandry Department at Ramanagar and had taken part in over 250 tiger and elephant capture operations. He had also saved the lives of hundreds of wild birds and animals in distress at the forests by treating them.

Dr. Nagaraj and his wife K.P. Sumathi were felicitated by his well-wishers Movie Director B. Siddegowda, Advocate K.T. Suresh, Krishnappa, Prabhu Chikkade, retired Principal Prof. Nagaraj, singer Krishnamurthy of CFTRI, K.G. Koppal Naganna, Financier Ballalli Lingegowda and others.

House burgled at Vijayanagar

Gold, silver, cash worth Rs. 7.53 lakh stolen

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (GA&KS)- Burglars, who broke into a house at Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 2nd Phase, have decamped with gold jewellery, silver articles and cash worth Rs. 7.53 lakh from the house.

The burglary took place at the house of one H.R. Raghu, when he and his family members had gone to his sister's house at Alanahalli in city.

On Mar. 28 afternoon, Raghu and his family members locked the house and left to Alanahalli and returned at about 4.30 am the next day, only to see the front door forcibly opened.

On entering the house, they found the almirahs and cupboards ransacked and clothes scattered on the floor.

On inspecting further, they found two gold chains weighing 30 and 23 grams, two finger rings weighing a total of 13 grams, a pair of silver lamps weighing 230 grams, 10 wrist watches, Rs. 50,000 cash and other valuables stolen and lodged a Police complaint.

Vijayanagar Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Two transgender women assaulted near Sathagalli

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (PM&KS)- A group of youths allegedly assaulted two transgender women and stabbed one of them after she refused to give them money at Amrutha Layout near Sathagalli on Sunday night.

The injured has been identified as Anam, a resident of Amrutha Layout. She sustained injuries to her face and is undergoing treatment at a hospital. The other victim, Pari, is a resident of Ghousianagar.

According to the complaint, the youths confronted Anam on Sunday night and demanded money from her. When she refused, they allegedly picked up a quarrel with her.

Anam then called her friend Pari and informed her about the incident. When Pari arrived at the spot, the youths reportedly assaulted both of them and stabbed Anam on the face before fleeing.

Mysuru South (Rural) Police have registered a case and launched a search for the accused.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

The Self-declared Sustainability Expert

My friend Ganesh posted an AI-generated presentation about fast fashion killing the planet yesterday on Instagram. Ten slides of curated statistics and moral outrage. I browsed through it at lunch while he sat across from me wearing an expensive hoodie bought last month to replace the one he purchased three months before that. The irony was entirely lost on him. The half-eaten paneer tikka on his plate, destined for the bin, seemed equally indifferent to his passionate captions about food waste.

You know people like Ganesh. Maybe you are people like Ganesh. On some days, I am Ganesh. These are the friends who lecture you about your carbon footprint while their own lives look like a masterclass in consumption. My college mate Priya does this beautifully. She will corner you at weddings and explain, with considerable patience, why you are a terrible person for not composting. She has data, she has passion, she has that tone that makes you feel guilty for things you never actually did.

Priya went to the Maldives last year. She posted pictures on pristine beaches with captions about protecting marine ecosystems. The resort required a seaplane transfer. I am not entirely sure how a seaplane figures into the ecosystem she was defending, but the photos received excellent engagement.

My colleague Rakesh sends office-wide e-mails about reducing paper usage. Long, detailed e-mails nobody asked for, copied to people with nothing to do with stationery supplies, with attachments explaining why we are destroying forests. He then prints these e-mails and leaves them on people's desks to ensure they are read. I have

seen him do this. The man owns four laptops because different purposes apparently require different devices. His old phones sit in a drawer like archaeological layers of consumer history. But he refuses to use a notepad in meetings because paper is sacred.

Anjali from our RWA WhatsApp group may be the final, fully evolved form of this species. She shares climate change videos three times a week, usually around eleven at night when nobody asked. Meanwhile her air conditioner runs eighteen hours a day because the heat is unbearable. I know this because I can hear it from my apartment. That steady hum represents electricity generated somewhere far away, probably by coal, almost certainly contributing to those very glaciers she worries about.

She ordered food delivery four times last week. Each meal arrived in packaging sufficient to wrap a small car. Half the food went uneaten. She posted about it once, noting that restaurants give too much rice. Not about throwing it away. Just about them giving too much.

Then there is Ramesh, my colleague's cousin, who retired last year and made sustainability his entire personality. He holds forth at family dinners about how young people are ruining everything. He will talk for forty minutes about the environmental cost of smartphones while checking his own phone every three minutes. He upgraded to the latest iPhone because the camera is better for bird watching. The earlier phone, perfectly functional, went to some drawer to die slowly. The man has left more electronic remains behind than a small conflict zone. But he carries steel straws everywhere and makes sure you know about it.

Here is my problem. I cannot throw stones from inside this particular glass house. I travel for work constantly. Domestic flights at least once a week, sometimes more. I once tried calculating my carbon footprint from just the flights and gave up halfway because the numbers were depressing. I tell myself it is necessary, it is work, it is not really a choice. Which is exactly what everyone tells themselves about everything.

I stay in hotels that wash towels daily whether you want them to or not. I sit in conference rooms with the air conditioning set to arctic temperature because someone believes this signals professionalism. I order room service that arrives with single-use everything, eat half of it and the rest disappears somewhere I prefer not to think about.

The real trouble with armchair sustainability experts is not the hypocrisy, though that is annoying enough. It is that small, performative acts allow everyone, including me, to sidestep the large, uncomfortable truths. It is considerably easier to carry a steel straw than to fly less. Easier to post about deforestation than to reduce what you consume. Easier to judge someone else's choices than to sit quietly with your own.

Real change asks something different. It asks us to use the old phone until it genuinely gives up, not until something shinier arrives. To finish what is on the plate or order less to begin with. To try the train when the flight feels automatic. It asks me, specifically, to consider whether some of these trips could simply have been video calls.

Perhaps that guilt is not entirely useless. Perhaps it is the small, persistent thing that eventually moves us from performing sustainability to actually practicing it. Not all at once, not perfectly, but genuinely. One inconvenient, uncomfortable decision at a time. That is where the real journey begins.

[Dr. R. Balasubramaniam is the Founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement. 'The Lighter Side' is a series of satirical articles meant to bring a smile by highlighting the funny side of everyday life.]

'Journalism shapes direction of society'

Mysuru, Apr. 1- A workshop on "Career Opportunities and Employability Skills" was held under the RUSA 2.0 project by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Maharaja's College, University of Mysore recently.

Inaugurating the programme, Maharaja's College Principal Prof. V. Shanmugam said that a strong command of language and skill development are important factors for success in the career of students.

Journalism is a powerful medium that shapes the direction of society and a good newspa-

per positively shapes the society by attracting attention; on the other hand, a newspaper that provides false or misleading information has an adverse effect on the society, he said.

Thus, responsible journalism is an important basis for the development of the nation. In today's competitive era, it is essential for students to develop their communication skills, which also leads to personality development, he noted.

Dr. J. Lohith, IQAC Coordinator, Mysore University, who was a resource person, explained the need for language proficiency and effective communication skills for journalism students.

Another resource person, G. Jadiyappa, Deputy Director, Department of Information and Public Relations, Government of Karnataka, gave comprehensive information to students about various job opportunities available in the field of mass communication and journalism and motivated them to develop their skills and build a good career in the future.

Yogashri and Chandrala rendered the invocation. Mahadeva Prasad welcomed. Nandish proposed the vote of thanks.

M.K. Keerthana and P. Deeksha compered. Dr. K.N. Basavaraju, faculty, Department of Philosophy, read the Preamble to the Constitution. Faculty members of the Department Dr. Gopal, Dr. Shwetha M. Hans, Kesavamurthy, Dr. N. Naveena and faculty members and students of other departments were present.

Akkarai Sisters perform for Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava at Alammana Choultry

Akkarai Sisters — Vidu. S. Subhalakshmi and Vidu. S. Sornalatha — presenting a vocal duet at Smt. Alammana Choultry in Srirampet last evening as part of the 136th year Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2026 organised by Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru. They are accompanied by Vid. Gokul on violin, Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga and Vid. Ranganath Chakravathy on ghata.

Picture shows Veena Vidushi Dr. Jayanthi Kumaresh, who has been selected for 'Sangeetha Kalanidhi' award by Madras Music Academy, Chennai, being felicitated by Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Charitable Trust in Mysuru on Mar. 30. Seen are (standing from left) ***Trustee Srikantaswamy, Phanindra, Ramanujam, Vidu. Akkarai Subhalakshmi, Dr. Jayanthi Kumaresh, Mamatha Sriram, Janardhan*** (behind), ***Arjun Kumar, Dr. Sriram, Sridhar and Guruprasad.***

Nritya Kalanidhi Award for Mysurean Vid. G. Narendra

Mysuru, Apr. 1- Vid. G. Narendra, the Mysuru-born Bharatanatyam exponent, has been selected for the coveted Nritya Kalanidhi Award for 2026 given by Madras Music Academy, the premier organisation for music and dance. This award is considered as the highest non-Government Award for Dance.

Forty years ago, young Gundurao Narendra, born and brought up in Mysuru, having learnt Bharathanatyam for some years in his home town, left for Chennai in pursuit of realising his dreams of excelling in the art form. He got the opportunity to be trained under eminent gurus at Kalakshetra Foundation, where he did his post-graduation. Even though the present generation of young artistes and rasikas of Mysuru may not have heard his name, Vidwan G. Narendra needs no introduction in art circles of Chennai.

He is the Founder-Director of 'Avigna Dance Ensemble' in Chennai. He has played several lead roles as part of the Kalakshetra dance dramas. The fact that Guru Vidushi Yamini Krishnamurthy selected him to be her dance partner is testament to his dancing prowess.

Vid. G. Narendra was earlier honoured by Krishna Gana Sabha, Chennai, with Nritya Choodamani, the oldest ever coveted award for dance in December, 2025.

Vid. G. Narendra

He will be bestowed with the Nritya Kalanidhi Award on Jan. 3, 2027 by the Madras Music Academy, the opening day of its 20th Dance Festival.

Interestingly, Vid. Narendra who is the first male dancer to receive the award, is the son of late Gundurao, who was working for University of Mysore.

Mysuru is finding its name in the list of awardees of the Madras Music Academy for the third consecutive year.

Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy was honoured by the Academy with the TTK Award for 2024 and Vid. Dr. C.A. Sridhar was conferred the Musicologist Award for 2025.

CESC MD Munigopal Raju retires

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (MTY&DM)- K.M. Munigopal Raju, Managing Director (MD) of the city headquartered Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited, who retired upon superannuation on Mar. 31, was given a warm farewell at a function organised at CESC Head Office in Vijayanagar Second Stage here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Srirangapatna MLA and CESC Chairman Rameshbabu Bandisiddegowda said that Munigopal Raju had a solid personality and took everybody into confidence while taking major decisions. He always guided the staff as a responsible official, he added.

Other speakers at the function also lauded the leadership qualities and friendly approach of Munigopal Raju who led CESC from the front as its MD for over a year.

Speaking after being felicitated, Munigopal Raju said he got the co-operation of everyone in his functioning as CESC MD.

Noting that CESC Chairman always supported him at all levels, he thanked everyone for their continuous support.

CESC Technical Director D.J. Diwakar, officials L. Lokesh, G. Renuka, Sharanamma Jangin, Lingarajamma, B.R. Roopa, Sunil Kumar, Somashekar and others were present.

CM to visit Gundlupet on Apr. 21

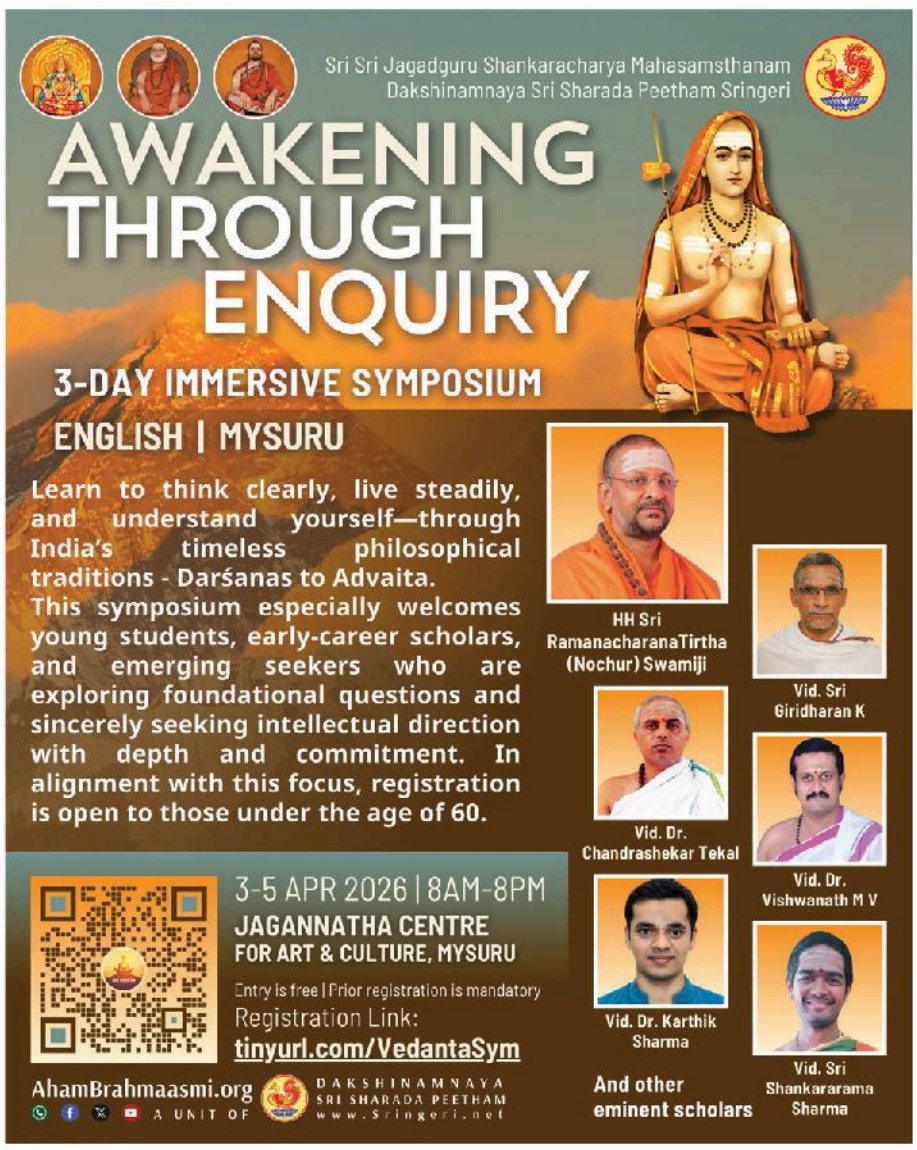
Gundlupet (Chamarajanagar), Apr. 1 (VNS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will inaugurate the project of filling up 110 lakes in Gundlupet taluk on Apr. 21, said MLA H.S. Ganesh Prasad.

Presiding over the meeting of officials at Gundlupet Taluk Office auditorium here yesterday, he said that the CM would also inaugurate the works under the Amrut Project to provide drinking water for the taluk, CESC sub-stations at Arepura and Hattimarukatte, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Residential School near Bommanahalli among other development works.

He said that Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar and Ministers concerned will attend the event.

Ganesh Prasad instructed the officials to ensure helipad was readied at D. Devaraj Urs Ground for the arrival of CM and his cabinet colleagues.

The officials were also told to make elaborate parking arrangements and to initiate measures to control the crowd attending the event.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WORD OF THE DAY

Mea culpa

Pronunciation: may-uh-KOOL-puh (noun).
Meaning: The noun mea culpa is used for a formal acknowledgment of personal fault or error.
Origin: Mea culpa means "through my fault" in Latin. Said by itself, it's an exclamation of apology or remorse that is used to mean "It was my fault" or "I apologize." Mea culpa is also a noun, however. A newspaper might issue a mea culpa for printing inaccurate information, or a politician might give a speech making mea culpas for past wrongdoings. Mea culpa is one of many English terms that come from the Latin culpa, meaning "guilt." Some other examples are culpable ("meriting condemnation or blame especially as wrong or harmful"), culprit ("one guilty of a crime or a fault"), and exculpate ("to clear from alleged fault or guilt").
Example: "... his apology was the best public mea culpa of this century. ...It was delivered without hesitation, qualification or blame shifting." —John Mosig, The Age (Melbourne, Australia), 24 Oct. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Magirics

Art of cookery.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Make a bee-line for

Meaning: Go directly towards.
Origin: The phrase derives from the behaviour of bees. When a forager bee finds a source of nectar it returns to the hive and communicates its location to the other bees, using a display called the Waggle Dance. The other bees are then able to fly directly to source of the nectar, that is, 'make a beeline' for it. This dance is a surprisingly sophisticated means of communication for a creature with such a small brain. The forager bee performs a short wiggling run — hence the name, with the angle denoting the direction of the nectar-laden flowers and the length of time denoting the distance. The phrase is American and all the early citations of it come from USA. It was found in The Davenport Daily Leader, January 1808: "Gustav Stengel Sr., of Rock Island, was thrown from his sleigh on Third Avenue in that city yesterday afternoon, horse becoming frightened and turning abruptly, ripping the cutter. The horse made a bee line for home." Given the colloquial usage in that citation, the figurative phrase & certainly the original literal meaning of bee-line must have been in use for some time at that date.

QUOTE BOX

Handle a book as a bee does a flower, extract its sweetness but do not damage it. **—John Muir**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

RUB WSOAULNTD

Answer: Rub salt in the wound.

SUDOKU

			3	7				8
		3						9
8	1					3		
		5			3			2
	2		8		1		6	
3			7			8		
		4					2	6
5						9		
6				3	4			

Answer to previous puzzle

5	4	1	7	9	6	3	2	8
7	6	2	8	3	5	4	1	9
8	9	3	2	1	4	5	7	6
2	3	7	5	8	9	6	4	1
4	1	6	3	2	7	9	8	5
9	8	5	6	4	1	2	3	7
6	7	8	4	5	3	1	9	2
1	2	4	9	6	8	7	5	3
3	5	9	1	7	2	8	6	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Pulao base
5 ___ humour : sarcasm or irony?
8 Kind of tinned meat
12 Let __ __ : tell? (2,2)
13 Royal Aeroscape, abbr.
14 Amer Inst. of Aeronautics and Astronautics
15 It might connect a pair of wheels
16 Not good enough
18 Landing ship deck, acronym
19 Leaves out
20 Horizontal Situation Indicator
21 Song and dance (informal)
23 Pretoria locale
25 Grades or levels
27 Tanned hide
31 General location
32 Organ of sight
33 Fail to win
34 Last longer or persist after
36 Takes no food
37 ____ about : attend to?
38 Clenched hand
39 In the style of (1,2)
42 Come after
44 Conductor __-Pekka Salonen
47 Gives up
49 Third "K" in the notorious group "K.K.K."?
50 Not in favour of
51 "No" in Scotland ?
52 Country usually at war with Iraq
53 Take it easy
54 Grad. Rec. Exam.
55 Novice

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

F	E	E	L	■	M	S	G	■	G	L	U	T
M	A	N	U	■	L	A	R	■	R	A	N	A
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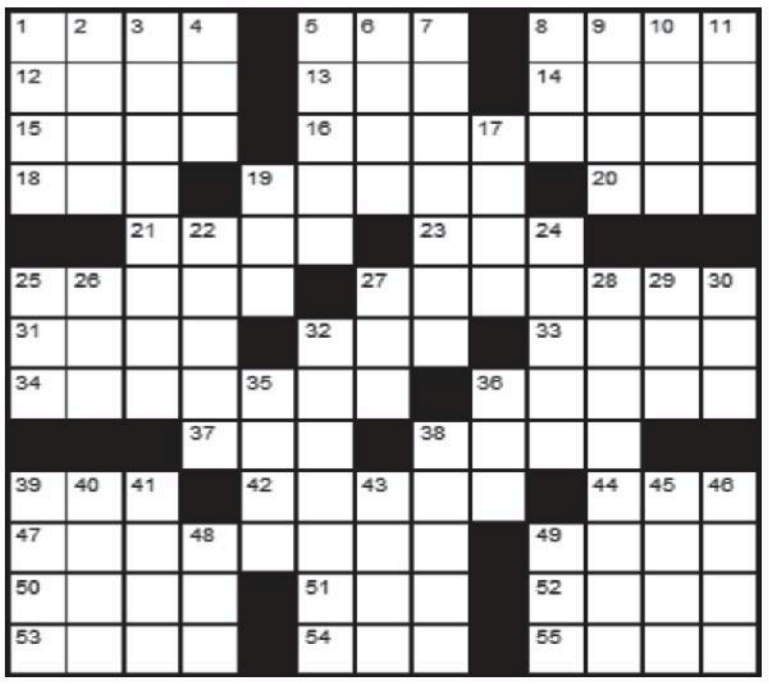
DOWN

1 Oman's currency
2 "Beautiful Girl" rockers
3 Lack of confidence (4,4)
4 Vane directions ?
5 Percussion instruments
6 Ms. Mukherjee of Bollywood
7 It has dark leaves - "were yet" anagram (3,4)
8 Search and Rescue
9 Gist or essence
10 Sounds of delight
11 Request for permission (3,1)
17 Greek peak
19 CIA precursor
22 Famous mountain range in Russia
24 Book of maps
25 Chinese code of behaviour
26 Inertial Ref. Unit
27 Cleaning agent
28 Inn
29 Superlative suffix
30 A matter of legal importance in Latin
32 Latter part of the day
35 Inst. of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
36 Giant's curse
38 A large-headed friction match
39 From a distance
40 ___ wolf : he is more by himself?
41 Painting, sculpture, etc
43 Leading player
45 European river
46 "A" in A.D.?
48 In good shape
49 Set of tools



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

TEUDKM LUIUE QJES DLGRBTG WP GBJ AUUY

NBEAWLX EWXQS RUQWLT SQU TEUDKM SB KDAU

DM KJHQ BP SQUK RUHBKU EUDZ DM GBJ HDL.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves.

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	(S-4)	8.00 am, 12.35 pm, 5.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 4.05 pm
Youth (Ta)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Aadu 3 (Ma)	(S-3)	10.30 pm

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Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	10.30 am, 3.00 pm, 7.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	11.00 am, 3.30 pm, 12.30 pm, 5.00 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	10.45 am, 1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 7.00 pm, 9.45 pm
Happy Raj (Te)	:	9.30 pm
Janmadaathe (K)	:	10.15 am

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Dhurandhar The Revenge (H)	:	8.00 am, 8.15 am, 8.40 am, 9.15 am, 12.45 pm, 1.00 pm 4.45 pm, 5.30 pm, 5.45 pm 9.15 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.00 pm, 10. 30 pm
Dhurandhar The Revenge (K)	:	9.00 am, 5.15 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	10.10 am, 12.45 pm, 3.35 pm, 6.25 pm, 10.15 pm
Youth (Ta)	:	1.45 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	2.00 pm, 10.20 pm
Aadu 3 (Ma)	:	4.40 pm
They Will Kill You (E)	:	8.05 pm

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Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	8.15 am, 9.40 am, 11.55 am, 1.00 pm, 5.15 pm, 5.45 pm 9.30 pm, 10.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	4.45 pm
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Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	2.25 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.20 pm

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Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	7.15 am, 8.15 am, 9.10 am, 12.00 pm, 1 pm, 4.45 pm, 5.45 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	10 am, 1.50 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	12.35 pm, 6.45 pm
Youth (Ta)	:	3.50 pm
Happy Raj (Te)	:	10.00 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Dhurandhar The Revenge (H)	:	8.15 am, 12.00 pm, 1.00 pm, 4.45 pm 5.45 pm, 10.30 pm,
Dhurandhar The Revenge (K)	:	9.30 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	7.25 pm, 10.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 1)

- **Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET), Rajiv Gandhi Foundation and Khel Tamasha:** Engaging masterclass titled 'Rasas & Bhavas - The Language of Emotions' as part of the People's United Dialogues - Masterclass Series, by renowned Kathakali actor and teacher Prasobh Kalamandalam, IIET premises, Hardwicke School Campus, JLB Road, **5 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 96868-92255]
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 73rd Annual Sri Ramotsava, Bhajans by Balaji Bhajana Mandali, Mysuru, **5.30 pm;** Karnatak Classical Music by Vidu. Akshatha Rudrapatna, Bengaluru and troupe, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Moonlight Music-290 programme, sitar concert by Ustad Dr. Mohasin Khan, accompanied by Pt. Rajendra Nakod on tabla, Suttur Mutt-Mysuru Branch premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**
- **Ganavisharada Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira:** 110th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, vocal recital by Vid. Sai Vignesh, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. C. Cheluvaraju on mridanga and Vid. Srinidhi Koundinya on ghata, Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, N.S. Road, **6.15 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 136th year Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2026, Classical Music by Vid. Sikkil Gurucharan, accompanied by Vid. Mathur Srinidhi on violin, Vid. H.S. Sudheendra on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata, Smt. Alammana Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar:** Sri Ramanavami, Sri Sita Rama Kalyanotsava, Pancha Piteelu Vadana (violin recital) by Dr. H.S. Thandavamurthy and troupe, **6.30 pm;** Sita Rama Shayanotsava, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar, **8.15 pm.**

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EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 2)

- **Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC):** Architectural Exhibition featuring the works of celebrated South African architect Peter Rich titled 'Landscape Architecture - Architecture Landscape,' JCAC Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Department of Collegiate Education, Maharani's Women's Commerce and Management College and Daari Foundation, Mysuru:** Interaction on 'Bharatadalli Prajaprabhutvada Rakshane Javabdari Yuva Shaktiya Kaiyalli,' actor Dr. Mukhyamantri Chandru inaugurates, Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar, Kannada & Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and Daari Foundation President L. Rangaiah chief guests, College Principal Prof. C. Nataraj presides, College premises, Paduvarahalli, **10.30 am.**
- **Arivina Chavadi, Researchers Association, Dalita Vidyarthi Okkuta, University of Mysore (UoM) and Ulume Pratishtana:** Maharaja's College Principal Prof. V. Shanmugam presides, writer Dr. H.S. Anupama chief guest, Maharaja's College Mahila Dourjanya Virodha Samiti Convenor and Professor Dr. M. Manjula and Maharaja's College Folklore Department Professor Vijayalakshmi Manapura guests, Junior BA Hall, Maharaja's College, **10.30 am to 1 pm.**
- **Ladai Prakashana, Gadag, Dalita Sangharsha Samiti, Mysuru, Researchers Association, Manasagangothri, Dalita Vidyarthi Okkuta, Manasagangothri, Mysuru and Ulume Pratishtana, Mysuru:** Releasing of books 'Buddha Dhamma mattu Samaja Sudharakaru' and 'Buddha, Dhamma mattu Mahile' (authored by Dr. H.S. Anupama); thinker & poet Moodnakadu Chinnaswamy releases the books, DSS leader Bettaiah Kote chief guest, *Mayura* Monthly Executive Editor C.H. Raghunath speaks about the book, author Dr. H.S. Anupama and Ladai Publisher Basavaraj Sulibhavi will be present, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 73rd Annual Sri Ramotsava, Bhajans by Sharada Sangeetha Balaga, J.P. Nagar, Mysuru, **5.30 pm;** Violin recital by Vidu. Charulatha Ramanujam, Bengaluru and troupe, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Ganavisharada Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira:** 110th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, vocal concert by Vid. Abhishek Raghuram, accompanied by Vid. Gokul Alankode on violin, Vid. Kishore Ramesh on mridanga and Vid. Sumukh Karanth on khanjira, Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, N.S. Road, **6.15 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 136th year Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2026, Hindustani Music by Pt. M. Venkatesh Kumar, accompanied by Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Pt. Keshav Joshi on tabla, Smt. Alammana Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar:** Sri Ramanavami, Lalitha Homa; Saxophone recital by Vid. Harish Pandav and troupe, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Betel leaf growers meeting on Apr. 5

Mysuru, Apr. 1- Betel Leaf Growers Ryots Association, Ashokapuram, Mysuru, has convened a meeting of its members to discuss election of new office-bearers for a 3-year term, at the betel leaf farm of Puttacheluva located at Nachanahalli on Mysuru-Nanjangud Main Road at 10 am on Apr. 5.

Betel leaf growers and sellers are appealed to attend in large numbers and come up with their suggestions.

For details, contact Mob: 76760-75693 or 93421-14996, according to a press release.

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Vs

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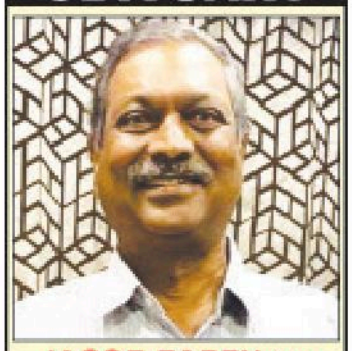

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